

# Mass and Main Project

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City Clerk Agenda

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Dear Cambridge City Council and The Planning Board,

I wrote a few months before in support of the Mass and Main project and I write once again to state that I do not have any opposition to this project. My primary reason for writing, is that I do not want small, overly vocal neighborhood groups like the CRA to drown out other less vocal residents of Cambridge who are not necessarily against all development.

My reasons for supporting this project are as follows:

- 40 units of much needed low income housing
- I feel that building upwards is one of the few ways to add much needed housing and maintain some open space.
- I think a mix of high and low rise buildings along Mass Ave is a good thing.
- I look forward to the new store fronts that will be housed on the main floor.
- Additional units in this tight market might ease rents some and allow my friends to continue living here.
- We have three very large lab spaces going up in Central Square with almost no new housing being built to house these employees.

I am a home-owner at 71 Norfolk Street just a few blocks away from this project. I look forward to having additional neighbors in the area and sharing my trains, busses, streets and sidewalks with them. I think that many of the people who live in these buildings will commute to work by foot. I enjoy loving in an urban and crowded environment and I know that if I tire of living in the city, I can always move to Lexington or Belmont.

I work a fair amount of hours so I cannot attend the hearing, but please do not think that the voices of the CRA represent most people in Cambridge. I think that many of us in Area IV actually silently welcome development and progress for our neighborhood but do not have the time nor impetus to be attending meetings or writing letters.

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